

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable consideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-16 are presently pending in this application, Claim 17 having been canceled, and Claims 1 and 16 having been amended by the present amendment.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 1 and 16 were objected to because of the informalities; and Claim 17 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over McKenna (U.S. Patent 5,499,415). However, Claims 1-16 were indicated as allowed.

First, Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the indication that Claims 1-16 have been allowed.

Regarding the outstanding objection and rejection, Claims 1 and 16 have been amended to remove the noted informalities, and Claim 17 has been canceled.

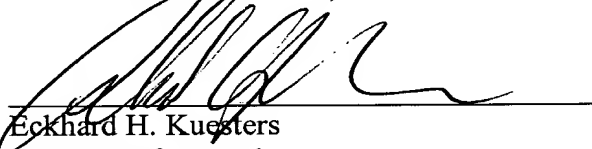
Also, submitted herewith are a LETTER SUBMITTING DRAWING SHEET and a Replacement Drawing Sheet prepared based on the previous indication of accepted drawing changes by the Examiner.

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Consequently, in light of the prior indication of allowed claims and in view of the amendments presented above, no further issues are believed to be outstanding, and the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests an early and favorable action to that effect.

Respectfully submitted,

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